

ORDINANCE NO. 2809

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BROKEN ARROW CODE, CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE I, TRAFFIC, SECTION 23-29, EXEMPTIONS GRANTED DRIVERS OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES TO THE CONTRARY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW:

SECTION I. Article I, Section 23-29 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-29. Exemptions granted drivers of authorized emergency vehicles.

- (a) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or ordinance, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, or while in the official performance of their duties, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions herein stated.
- (b) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:
 - (1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter;
 - (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
 - (3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property; and
 - (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific directions.
- (c) The exemptions herein granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when he is making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of Oklahoma Statutes, Title 47, Section 12-218, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.
- (d) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.

SECTION II. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. An emergency exists for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and therefore this ordinance shall become effective from and after the time of its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED and the emergency clause ruled upon separately this 17th day of July, 2006.


ATTEST:


(SEAL) CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


CITY ATTORNEY




MAYOR